



# County of Fresno

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December 14, 2005

VIA FAX: (559) 446-2028

Honorable Mike Villines  
 6245 N. Fresno Street, Suite #106  
 Fresno, CA 93710

SUBJECT: December 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly Hearing on Goods Movement Action Plan

Dear Assemblyman Villines:

The County of Fresno Board of Supervisors would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment on The Goods Movement Action Plan and express our strong agreement that goods movement is an essential component of the Statewide economy.

The San Joaquin Valley acts as a conduit for goods movement throughout the State. As such, State Route 99 and Interstate 5 are vital not only to regional but to State interests. State Route 99 is especially critical, as growing congestion and heavy inter-regional truck use strains its ability to safely and effectively meet State and regional needs. The Goods Movement Action Plan must recognize the importance of funding much needed improvements for these Valley corridors.

Doing so supports not only the continued economic vitality of the State, but addresses serious safety and congestion needs, and brings resources to a historically underserved area of the State. The San Joaquin Valley is challenged by chronic underemployment, a shifting economic base, high levels of poverty, and inadequate and deteriorating transportation facilities for local and Statewide goods movement.

Improvements to State Route 99 also affect air quality in a region that is currently in non-attainment for a number of pollutants, including 1-hour ozone, 8-hour ozone, PM10 and PM2.5. Goods movement, particularly related to heavy-duty truck emissions, is considered a key source of pollution. These heavy-duty truck emissions represent approximately 50% of all on-road NOx and PM emissions in the Valley.

As such, we ask that the Goods Movement Action Plan recognize the vital role of State Route 99 to the State economy and that you support the recommendations of the Governor's Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley for significant funding to accelerate the improvement and expansion of State Route 99, the transportation backbone of the San Joaquin Valley. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Gorman of Fresno County's Public Works and Planning Department at (559) 262-4091.

Sincerely,

  
 Judith G. Case, Chairman  
 Fresno County Board of Supervisors

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